NEW YORK, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1902.

CROWN PRINCESS LOUISE, WHOSE ELOPEMENT

PRICE ONE CENT.

PRICE ONE CENT.

SECRET ATTEMPT TO END "L" CRUSH FAILS.

Star-Chamber Conference Between the State Railroad Commissioners and Manhattan Officials Results in No Agreement, and All Are Pledged Not to Divulge Proceedings.

Chairman Cole Had Announced at the Public Hearing that a Plan for Relief Wealthy Secretary - Treasurer in Three Days was Under Consideration, and Frightened Railroad Officials Had Promised Reform.

The secret conference between the Manhattan "L" officials and the State Board of Railroad Commissioners at the Fifth Avenue Hotel this efternoon, which Chairman Cole promised was going to get New York out of this awful jamming and crowding on the "L" trains within three days, came to nothing

and Counsel Charles A. Gardner came out of the room. They declined to the company, and Miss Edna Ranney gay a word and at once left the hotel. Chairman Cole also refused to talk. "It has been agreed between the railroad people and the Commission,"

he said, "to say nothing about the conference; nothing at all." "Why is that?" he was asked.

"It is for the good of the public.

"How?"

There will be other conferences probably and perhaps other public hear ings if we think they are necessary.'

The secret conference was held after the public hearing in the City Hail had been shut off because Chairman Cole announced that he had plan that was going to solve the whole problem within three days.

The "L" people, who had become frightened at the popular demonstration against their inefficient management, hastened to consent to go tectives, said the total amount involved into the conference. Through Counsel Gardner they had already promised to make reforms that might be feasible and it was expected that the conforence would lead to great things

SCARED "L" MEN PROMISED RELIEF AT PUBLIC MEETING.

wood, N. Flanter and F. F. Woodward.

Denial of a Sensation.

Commissioner Cole opened the hear-

"Myself, for instance. I was quoted

certain things to happen on their road.

locate stations, remove them, recom-

mend schedules and additional facili-

ties. This gentleman was also mis-

eeting he said that

misquoted.

Before the conference between the chants' Association of New York-S. C. Railroad Commissioners and the "L" Mead, Assistant Secretary; Frederick B. De Berard, H. D. Dumont, H. D. Lockroad officials was held there was a publie hearing at the City Hall, in which Commissioners about the "L" road maning. After mentioning the purport of So fierce was the outpouring of public members of the Board had been sadly denunciation that the Manhattan officials announced their willingness to conas saying that the officials of a certain road ought to be shot for permitting fer with the Commissioners. Chairman Cole made a speech declaring that the Railroad Commissioners I never said such a thing. If I did I

had under consideration a plan to give

A Promise of Relief.

"We shall be glad to receive the assistance the people can give, and would like to hear of their grievances in their "As we understand the matter, it is

a question of immediate relief. HAVE A PLAN IN MIND THAT WILL AFFORD RELIEF IN TWO OR THREE DAYS, and to that end we announce that we will hold a pdeliminary conference with the Manhattan road officials this afternoon.

"We thank the people and the press for the agitation in this matter. It affords the board a moral support. If the board fails in affording the relief asked it will accept all the responsibility. We wish to say that at some future time we will ask the Manhattan officials to produce their books and records and will put them under oath to answer questions. The Metropolitan Street Railway Association will also be notified in due time, probably to-morrow.

Before making this speech Mr. Cole had interrupted the proceedings to remark that the "L' officials would upon to suggest some plan to meet the public requirements.

Lawyer W. H. Gardner said the Manhatian officials were ready and willing to confer with the Commission and do everything in their power to correct alleged abuses and improve the service.

At the conclusion of Mr. Strong's address Mr. Cole taked if any other associations desired to be heard.

The Bronx League represented by Tax Commissioner Willis; Taxpayers' Alliance of the Bronx, United Real Estate Owners Association; Harlem Property Citizens' Union; Woman's Health Protecseph L. O'Brien; North Side Board of Trade, represented by Albert D. Davis; Citizens Union; Womans Health Protective Association, represented by Mrs. "I will ask," interrupted Mr. Cole, "if Supt. Skitt is willing to take the stand and make answer to or make a proposition of any sors"

Skitt Not Quite Ready.

"No-o," hesitated Lawyer Gardner, "I don't think we are quite ready to go on this morning." The committees representing the Mer-

chants' Association to-day were: Committee on Franchises and Transportation-William F. King, Chairman; John C. Eames, Henry R. Towne, George L. Duval and S. C. Mead, Scoretary,

Trade, represented by Albert D. Davis: Citizens Union; Womans Health Protective Association, represented by Mrs. John Judge; Twenty-third Ward Property Owners' Association, represented by Mr. Hottenroth, all asked to be heard. Chairman Cole said he expected that the Merchants' Association would be ready to present its case to-day. Secretary Meade said that there had not been time since last Friday. He was sorry that there had been any misunderstanding.

Chairman King said:

"What we want is the same service throughout the day as we receive during the rush hours. We see no reason whe we should not have it. We want to hear the railroad people answer us. That is what we are here for."

William H. Shepard said there was nequestion that the Board had ample Executive Committee of the Legal Committee Associated with the Association-Theron G. Strong, Chairman; John R. Delafield, George E. Morse, Bert Hanson, George H. Gilman, William H. Shepard, Edward R. Finch, Bernard Naumburg, E. W. Tyler and Francis

(Continued on Second Page.) Daily Stock Reports X. Butler, Secretary. Members of the Office Staff of the MerPostmaster Had Invested

Every Dollar He Had in the World in the National Mercantile Agency.

TWO ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

Willis T. Gridley and Miss Edna Ranney, His Bookkeeper, Are Changed with Defalcation of \$21,126.21.

National Mercantile Agency, of which ne to nothing.

After an hour's talk General Manager Skitt, Assistant Manager Smith Gridley, the secretary and treasurer of head bookkeeper under him, were ar rested to-day.

Gridley is a very wealthy man and his mother is reputed to own the bulk of an estate worth several millions. Gridley was arrested in the office of the agency, No. 271 Broadway, to-day, and Miss Ranney at her home in Syracuse den made the arrest.

They are charged by Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott in warrants issued by Magistrate Pool, with "mak...g false entires and erasures in the books of the company whereby a defaication of \$21,-126.21 was concealed." That amount is specified, but Capt. Titus, Chief of De would be considerably more,
Detective Linden left for Syracuse

bring Miss Ranney to this city. On the train which is bringing he

here she said:
"I am innocent of any wrongdoing, and I can't understand why I am brought into the disgrace of being ar ested. I know absolutely nothing about the case."

Van Cott a Ruined Man.

Charles A. Hess, of the law firm of Hess & Holstein, of No. 50 Pine street, attorneys for Mr. Van Cott, made the following statement:

"This has been a most unfortunate affair for Mr. Van Cott; every dollar that he had in the world has been paid fendant, Gridley, is equally liable, and who, being financially responsible and well able to pay, refuses to make good his share of the liability. Mr. Van Cott, neither directly nor indirectly benefited in this scheme to the extent of a single dollar, and never even re would be unfit to be a member of this board. Another member was quoted as ceived any part of his salary, which

saying that this board had no power to was fixed at \$5,000 a year." The National Mercantile Agency was mend schedules and additional facilities. This gentleman was also misquoted. He did not make such a statement."

William F. King, Chairman of the Committee on Franchises and Transportation, then addressed the Commister on Franchises and Transportation, then addressed the Commister of the Metropolitan Freet Railway, yesterday, at which Mr. Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Freet Indipedged himself it correct many of the abuses now existing Theorem C. Strong, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Legal Committee of the Merchants Association, and deressed the Commission. "Ti is a matter of public history that the elevated roads in this city have been conducted in the most misgrardly and parsimonious fashion. They have been insufficiently lighted and heated. They have been onducted in the most misgrardly and parsimonious fashion. They have been insufficiently lighted and heated. They have been insufficiently lighted and heated. They have been conducted in the most misgrardly and parsimonious fashion. They have been insufficiently lighted and heated. They have been conducting affairs. It is in the public and shameful to the last degree. Ask any one. Ask these reporters. Any one will testify to the conditions that prevail and have prevailed for years. We ask you to call the officials of these roads before you and see how they have a right to expect. The powers of this board are not so ample as those of the Legislature, but it should not be necessary for us to go that far."

Many Associations Represented.

At the conclusion of Mr. Strong's address Mr. Cole taked if any other ast sociations dependent of the company, he having invested more than the others. Gridley, who came than the others. Gridley and was to manage the obscines with the highest references, was elected 7.

Best This company, he having invested more than the others. Gridley, who came than the others. Gridley and wa established in September, 1899, with a capital of \$500,000, for the purpose of

to issue many promissory notes. From crossing at One Hundred and Twenty-time to time Mr. Gridley came to me and fourth street and when a few yards figures that a profitable business was whipped up his horse. The mettlesome

to their homes in Syracuse to spend the to get away, but he was caught after holidays. I had expert accountants put a chase and put under arrest by Mountto work on the boks and they have re-ported to me that under the date of July 31 last, certain erasures and substitutions occur in the books which cover up a shortage of \$21.126.21."

Potmaster Van Cott was in the Centre Street Court when Gridley was brought fears for the recovery of Mrs. Kutner. Attorney Charles Hess and Mr. Gridley called Attorney Morris K. Price. By request of counsel, the hearing was secret in Mag'strate Pool's chambers. When they emerged, fifteen minutes later, Magistrate Pool announced: when they emerged, intermediate, Magistrate Pool announced:
"On the advice of counsel on both sides there will be no publicity given to this hearing at this time. I have held Gridley in \$4.000 bonds on charge of forgery, the hearing to take place on Jan. 2, at 3 P. M., in the Fourth District Court."

Gridley was taken to a cell in the Tombs while his attorney looked for a bondsman. Postmaster van Cott refused to discuss the case with a reporter.
"I must not talk about it now," he said. "It may spoil the case; but he very careful and do not charge this man with embessionent."

After spending two hours in the Tombs Ridley was released. Dr. Herman Hellenstein, of No. 775 Evventh street, going on the \$4,000 bond.

WOMEN KNOCKED STARVING, DIES

which he was morally and perhaps Aged Mrs. Kutner Seriously In- Ragged and Haggard, This Man jured and Mrs. Tobin and Daughter Painfully Hurt by Careless Driver.

Mrs. J. Kutner, of the Mt. Kisco flats, capital of \$600,006, for the purpose of doing a business similar to that operated by Dun and Bradstreet. Cornelius Van Cott was made President of the company, he having invested more horse driven by Edward Sweeney, of trousers and shoes without soles, stagwith the highest references, was elected No. 626 Union avenue, Bronx. She sus-Secretary and Treasurer, and was to tained internal injuries in addition to a fractured arm and a scalp wound. With her at the time and also knocked derstood that his uncle had invested a down were Mrs. Henry R. Tobin and her daughter Julia, fourteen years old, in the business to watch the methods of the same address. Mrs. Tobin was badly bruised, but was not dangerously

hurt. Julia was not much hurt. From the report made by the police Sweeney was guilty of criminal care lessness. He was driving his horse up Seventh avenue hitched to a small ex ercise cart. The three women wer crossing at One Hundred and Twentyfrom them Sweeney is alleged to have animal sprang forward and knocked at three of the pedestrians down. The wheels ran over Mrs. Kutner's body. Sweeney, seeing what he had done

applied the whip to his horse and tried ed Police...an Curtin. Mrs. Kutner and Mrs. Tobin were taken to a drug store, from which a call was sent to J. Hood Wright Hospital for an ambulance. They were both removed there. The surgeons expressed

who is sixty-six years old and not very

strong.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at S P. M. Wednes. day for New York City and vicinity: Fair and 6 to 8 degrees colder to-night; Wednesday fair; light to fresh west to southwest winds.

No Need for Anxiety.

Rivetted His Glance on Merry Feasters in Restaurant and Dropped Dead.

workmen eating their lunches. Watchman William H. Kane,

White street and gazed wistfully at the

ployed by the Subway contractors, who was standing nearby, was struck by the man's haggard appearance and hungry look, and asked him if he was cold. The man looked at him, dazed, and staggered over to the sidewalk, where there are two restaurants close togethrant, and, swaying from side to side. rant and read its bill of fare. Meanwhile Policeman Stephenson, of

ing over to him and offering him food M. Giron, who are stopping at one of CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE. WORE NO COAT AND NO HAT. when he opened the door of one restantion the leading hotels in Zurich, consented the longer. I fully realized how terrained and looked in on the hundreds of to receive there a correspondent in rible it would be, the Prince wifeless. A man of swarthy complexion and wearing a closely cropped black mustache, about thirty-five years old, dressed only in a brown flannel shirt open at the neck, a pair of thin black trousers and shoes without soles, stagned at the tables. Then he staggared back to the street and fell to Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, who examined the man a few minutes later, amined the man a few minutes lat

MILLIONAIRES' CHECKS SEIZED AT CANFIELD'S HELD BY JEROME

that Mr. Jerome has in his possession several checks signed by millionaires which were taken from Canfield's place in the raid, and that the public prosecutor would be able to put the screws on many of the alleged gambler's patrons by means of these

When questioned about them this afternoon Mr. Jerome sim- yielded ply said: "I did not take any out of the place." He would not deny. however, that there were some such checks in his possession.

BUNCH OF BANANAS THES UP SURFACE ROADS.

A truck marked "For sale" and laden with 150 bunches of green bananas fresh from a Cuban steamship broke down in thing. You may imagine what it was. Centre street near Pearl at 5 o'clock this evening and delayed I was not even allowed to have an several lines of cars about twenty minutes.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW CRLEANS.

Fifth Race-John Peters 1, Harry McDaniel 2. Scorpio 3.

MAY CAUSE THE DEATH OF SAXONY'S AGED RING. CAUSE DEATH OF SAXONY'S KING.

His Health Has Grown Steadily Worse Since the Crown Princess Ran Away to Switzerland with the French Tutor with Whom She Was in Love.

His Mental Condition Also Is of Such Nature that His Family Has Grave Fears for Him and They Have Summoned an Expert Physician.

DRESDEN, Dec. 30 .- Prof. Gurschmann, of Leipsic, has been called here for consultation with the Court physicians regarding the King's condition, which gives much concern to his fariliy.

Although diagnosed as influenza, His Majesty's condition has grown worse during the last few days, due to excitement over the elopement of the Crown Princess, which, in connection with his great age and weakness, has had a depressing effect on the King's mental condition. It is feared that he cannot survive.

SAXON COURT WILL TELL STORY OF ELOPEMENT.

circumstances leading up to it for the supplied to the newspapers having co Saxon people, among whom the most fantastic stories are in circulation to the detriment of the royal house, especially with reference to the future King. The scandal is undermining, according to some opinions, the people's loyalty and respect for the throne.

The dynasty being Catholic and the

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—King George of people Protestant, the affair is being Sarony has ordered the preparation of utilized for sectarian controversy. The a full, official account of the elopement King's statement, doubtless, will follow of the Crown Princess Louise and the the line indicated in the intimations, supplied to the newspapers having cour-leanings, published to-day, affirming that the Crown Princess's sole reason for eloping was her criminal relations with Prof. Giron, and that documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopement had long been in preparation. The stories of ill-treatment on the part of her husband, of oppressive court ceremonial and of her fettered existence are classed as inventions.

JUDGES NAMED TO SIT IN DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

even judges to try the suit for divorce tried so hard to bear it; yes, for Then he passed on to the other restau- which the Crown Prince has decided to institute against the Crown Princess.

dren for her youthful lover.

"M. Giron is the only man I have ever met whom I felt I could love-whom I made my life impossible without him." must need be arranged slewly." "It was not a coup de tete, madam?"

was asked. "Not in the least. I had plenty of time to think it over. I have known M. Giron Catholic. He will, I fear, never consent a year and was a great deal with him I am naturally very much put out by It was said in the District-Attorney's office this afternoon last summer. I would not alter any

A Marriage of Convenience.

"What do you say, Princess, with reference to the charges of reckiessly breaking up your household?"

my marriage. My father was quite set upon it. My mother's greatest wish was to see it. I was told how grand it would be to become a queen, and I unwillingly

" My husband and myself were of exthought for sentiment. The Count was intensely Catholic."

"But you are Catholic, of course?" "Yes." replied Her Imperial Highness, "but I am exceedingly broad mineded. It was a duli and hard life in that court."

"And yourself, Princess?" "Ah," she replied, smiling. "I am an Austrain, which is quite a different opinion. I loved my children, but could

not bring them up as I wished. "Between my husband and myself there was no bond of sympathy. He

was a typical rough officer,

DRESDEN. Saxony, Dec. 30 .- King | How miserable that life was!"-th George has appointed a special court of Princess shuddered at the thought-

adore. the Tombs squad, had his attention called to the man by Watchman Kane, and they both were on the point of goPrince of Saxony, and her companion, when I found M. Giron and loved

were too great to bear."

"And now?" asked the correspondent. "Now," she replied, "I am must love," she said. "It was a ques- developments-waiting to see what will tion of mutual love and affinity which come from Dresden; but such things "You, of course, are prepared for a divorce, Princess?"

"Naturally. My husband is a devout the false position in which I am living with M. Giron, but it is not intentional on either of our parts.

"Each would like to regularize our situation by marrying the moment the technicalities of the law admit of it.

"Would you tell me, Princess, whether your elopement was premeditated?"

"It was," she repiled, "or rather

PRINCESS'S JEWELS NOW IN BRUSSELS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Facts concerning the jewels of the Crown Princess of Saxony, the whereabouts of which wer in doubt, are told by a correspondent in Brussels. Prof. Giron, former tutor of Brussels. Prof. Giron, former tutor of the Princess's children and now her companion at Geneva, sent them to that city for safe keeping.

The packet arrived at Brussels a few days ago addressed to Giron's broker, who is a resident of the city. The usual advice was sent by the customs official to the brother. As the packet was insured for \$60,000 francs and its contents carried a heavy duty the brother refused to accept it and pay the necessary amount.

The authorities in the ordinary course.

wondering how dangerous it would be it them in the interest of the Culture and has taken steps to constitute them in the interest of the Culture and has taken steps to constitute them in the interest of the Culture and has taken steps to constitute them in the interest of the Crossian of Saxony.